

Bitterroot Job Service Employers Committee
Minutes
5-15-2007

Present:

Mark Seitz, First Security Bank
Becky Brough, Hamilton Schools
Vikki Bell, Ravalli County Bank
Linda Valentine, Human Resource Council
Deb Morris, Marcus Daly Mem. Hospital
Dan Severson, Valley Drug & Variety
Patti Furniss, Bitterroot JSWC

Jesse Lohse, Rocky Mountain Truss
Howard Lyons, Ravalli County
Pat Easley, Bitterroot Valley Chamber
Julie Foster, RC Economic Dev. Authority
Kathleen Cannon-Siegle, Bitterroot JSWC
Vickie Steele, Bitterroot JSWC

JSEC Scholarship Recipients: Danny Mitchell and Lorrie Davis

Introductions: Becky welcomed our guests and introductions were made and business affiliations.

Minutes: The April minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie noted income and expense figures and reported the JSEC account balance as \$3,792.03. The report was accepted by the committee.

JSEC Scholarships: Mark gave a report on the scholarship selection process. The scholarship committee received 22 completed applications. Letters were sent to the scholarship recipients and non-recipients alike encouraging everyone to apply next year if they meet the qualifications. Applications regarding Danny Mitchell and Lorrie Davis were submitted to the MSEC vying for a state scholarship. Lorrie is presently working at Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital and attending school in Missoula to achieve her LPN certification. She has been married for 18 years and has grandchildren. Danny is a student at the Hamilton High School and is involved in the keystone program, tutors grade school students and has an incredible dream to be a teacher. His dad is a middle school teacher and Danny will be attending the U of M in the fall, majoring in elementary education. Thank you to Mark, Vikki and Cindy for your dedication and hard work in reviewing applications and selecting this year's award winners.☺

Dan Severson –makes Bitterroot Star headlines: Dan humbly reported on his newfound stardom. He said that Mike Ensler of Farmers State Bank posed a challenge that they could do a better job with a 1950's theme than Valley Drug. The consequences of losing were high – to wear a poodle skirt and serve cake to the winner's employees. Dan described his employees' commitment and the fun they enjoyed in this competition. The proof was on the front page of the Bitterroot Star....nice poodle skirt, blonde locks and poodle purse, Dan! And the cake was served in style.....that's Dan's specialty!

Job Service update: Patti promoted the JSEC/Managers Meeting agenda as fabulous and said that Dan has agreed to attend. We received an official One Stop Center plaque reflecting that we are working for our community and workforce partners. This plaque is for all of our partners! We continue to experience lots of changes; Elaine retired in February, Jamie and Charlene have left our office, and we are down three employees with permission to fill two positions. We are in the process of filling Jamie's employment consultant position. Charlene's human resource assistant position has been reclassified to an employment consultant status. Patti reported that we are experiencing a reorganization of the managers in the Workforce Division of DOLI, which includes a regional management concept and explained the process. She thinks there is great logic to it and supports the change. She noted that the base staff will be reduced over time also. Patti also explained the WIRED grant and WIRED philosophy. We will have an update on the JSEC/Managers meeting at our June meeting.

Elections: A vote of confidence to elect Becky Brough as chair passed and Mark Seitz was elected as vice chair. A vote of confidence for Debbie to continue as treasurer was passed (and at Debbie's request) with an agreement that Mark and Vikki will review the books and give a report at the June meeting. Thanks to our officers, past, present and future, for your support of our committee and community. Meeting adjourned.

